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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
TURKEY

IPF: (1992-1996) $13 222 000
(TUR/92/015) - Establishment of an Emergency Management Center in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Date of approval by the AC: 1/	25 March 1992
Expected duration:	18 months
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$133 000 Source of funds: SPR
Total UNDP budget:	$133 000

Project background

Turkey, an extremely disaster-prone country located in one of the world's most active earthquake zones, is subject to serious landslides, flooding and other significant natural disasters which, on an average, affects the country 25 times a year. In addition, Turkey's geographic position makes it vulnerable to influxes of displaced persons. The recent experience of dealing with displaced population by the Gulf Crisis led the Government to recognize the compelling need to strengthen its capacity for emergency management of displaced people and enhance its ability to absorb international assistance as well as improve coordination in this area. In light of this, the Government requested UNDP assistance under the present approval.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) develop an emergency preparedness plan, contingency plans, emergency response mechanisms, a system to manage information generated by the disaster; (b) coordinate available resources; and (c) communicate effectively.

All of this will be accomplished through the establishment of a fully equipped Emergency Management Centre (EMC) within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) which will have procedures for emergency management focal point, established communication procedures with international donors, information distribution systems, disaster management documentation, and archive systems. This will also entail clarifying and strengthening the role and responsibilities of the Ministry within the national disaster plan, defining communication and information requirements, identifying equipment needs, and conducting staff training/exercises to maintain necessary skills.

1/ This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

Inputs

UNDP will provide two disaster management consultants for five man-months and one man-month respectively to prepare recommendations for the design and function of the EMC, recommend appropriate equipment; describe the roles and responsibilities of EMC Team members, and prepare proposed Standard Operation Procedures for emergencies; training of a national consultant, group training/study tour for one man-month to assess optional systems and submit specifications for equipment to be procured; and experience and non-expendable equipment (inclusive of library acquisitions and training materials) for in-service training.

The Government will provide a room within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to house the EMC, its equipment and staff, personnel from the MFA to staff the EMC and collaborate with consultants in the procurement of equipment, design of workshops, annual drill exercises, preparation of emergency/contingency plans and design of annual drill exercise, publications, documentation and archive facilities including computer programme to catalog and retrieve reference; creation of lessons learned publication; and telephone hookups within the EMC for standard telephone connections.

Financial data

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Personnel	24 000
Training	22 000
Equipment	82 000
Miscellaneous	5 000
Total	133 000

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